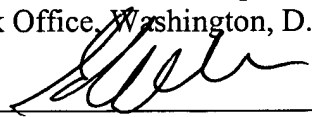


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of June 5, 2000, in which the Examiner:

- (a) objected to claim 31 as being in improper form;
- (b) rejected claims 32 to 34 as being indefinite;
- (c) found claims 14 and 18-21 to be obvious over Dire et al in view of Leake and further in view of Marnell II; and
- (d) found claims 28-30 and 32-34 to be obvious over Marnell II in view of applicant's admitted prior art.